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FANWOOD

Class examinations and tests have kept all busy the closing days of the school term last week. Commencement week began with the Farewell Sermon on Sunday, the 7th.

The address by Rev. Braddock is given in full on another page. After the close of the services, the Battalion had a Review and Evening Parade, which was quite impressive, and was of sentimental interest as it is the last one for those about to graduate.

Monday was the day for the annual picnic to White Plains. Tuesday evening Superintendent and Mrs. Skyberg tendered a reception and dance to the Graduating Class and members of the staff. Invited guests were the staff and graduates of the Lexington School. The Class Ivy is to be dedicated Thursday afternoon. The Graduation Exercises will take Friday afternoon, June 12th, at three o'clock, when the 118th year will come to a close. Further details will be published next week.

Saturday evening, June 6th, the Provisional Company gained its most splendid victory at the First Annual Fife, Drum and Bugle Corps Competition and Cadet Corps Competitive Drill, sponsored by Battery E, 105th Field Artillery, N. Y. N. G.

This event, the last for the Provisional Company, saw them rise to the greatest heights ever attained by our "Marching Men." It seemed that the old Fanwood spirit, beat within each bosom in perfect accord with their cadence as they took each order in stride. For minutes at a time, they performed as one, never hesitating, never faltering, ever forward, ever onward, as they scored 99 out of a possible 100 per cent. No doubt they were spurred on by the cadets who are graduating this year. Realizing this would be the last time they would obey the command "Forward March!", they rose to unsurpassable heights and attained their desire to be listed in Fanwood annals as the best Provisional Company in the long history of our school.

The audience demonstrated their appreciation of the flawless exhibition by giving the newly crowned champions a round of applause that made each cadet's heart beat just a little faster. The graduates in the ranks shed sincere tears of joy as they were cheered by the Seniors corps they had defeated, the Calvary Battalion and the Knights of the Blessed Sacrament.

To the Provisional Company we say, "May the glory you have brought to Fanwood, be yours in later life."

On Tuesday, June 2d, Mr. Adrian G. Tainsly represented our school at a luncheon, sponsored by the Service Clubs of New York, held in conjunction with the Boys Exposition at the Hotel Commodore. The theme was "The Boy and the Job." The speakers were: Chairman, Lewis A. Hird, Past President, Rotary Club of New York; Dr. William E. Grady, Associate Superintendent, Board of Education; Robert Fechner, Director Civilian Conservation Corps; Colby M. Chester, Chairman, Board of Directors, General Foods.

At the recent Boys Exposition held at the Hotel Commodore, the New York School for the Deaf chapter of the Sportsmanship Brotherhood, was represented. Prominently displayed were posters representing phases of

Sportsmanship as portrayed by our students. Credit must go to Cadets Stupfer and Yuska, who aided in arranging the booth for the display.

Mrs. H. F. Poore, Superintendent of the Tennessee School for the Deaf, and her daughter, Faye, together with Principal, Mr. Ward, and Director of Special Education, Mr. Bynum and Mrs. Bynum were visitors over the week-end, and inspected every department of the School.

Miss Eugenia Thornton, Miss Catherine MacMillon and Miss Catherine Riser of the Alabama School, called at the School on Wednesday, June 3d.

The finals in the Intramural Tennis Tournament saw Cadet Carl Lindfors emerge the champion by downing Cadet Gaden. By the victory Cadet Lindfors earns the beautifully inscribed medal which is presented by the "Scholastic Coach."

SCOUT NOTES

As the school season is coming to an end for the summer recess, so did the Patrol Contest of Troop 711. The Eagle Patrol was leading all spring until two weeks ago when the Beaver Patrol made a spurt and passed the Eagles. They copped the contest with a one point lead after a furious battle. The Eagles came in second, with the Rattlesnakes and the Flaming Arrows in the order named.

This is the second consecutive time that the Beavers won the Patrol Contest, as they placed first last year. The scouts of the patrol are Robert Anderson, Wilfred Tomlet, Max Weisblatt, Jacob Avidson, Bernard Argules, Ray Jackson, with Marvin Greenstone as Patrol Leader. They received, for their efforts, "Good Turn Tokens." The face of the token has a scout emblem with the words "On my honor I will do my best." The reverse side contained the following, "Secretly transfer me to your right pocket each day after your Good Turn has been done." The winners received a lusty "How" from the rest of the scouts.

Ray Jackson also received a ticket to a baseball game between the New York Firemen and New York Police on June 13th, as a gift from Scoutmaster Greenwald, for his efforts in Scouting.

Registration cards were presented to Scouts Isidore Zuckerman and Ira Lerner.

Tents were seen recently on the campus of Fanwood. The scouts of Troop 711 were practicing the pitching of tents, in preparation of week-end camping during the summer.

Troop 711 is proud to hear that Scout M. Schlissel received the Archibald D. Russell Gold Medal for the highest proficiency in the school of the soldier, while Scout H. Altsitzer won the General George Moore Smith Medal for Marked Excellence in Military Drill.

New York City Notes

The committee in charge of arrangements for the Summer Frolic of the N. A. D., June 13th, wish to remind their friends that on that evening the wood carving of "A Woman" by Albert Tagger, the renowned Bulgarian sculptor, will be awarded to the person holding the lucky ticket. This will be done through the generosity of the committee of "International Exhibition of Deaf Artists," that did such commendable work in conjunction with the N. A. D. convention in New York City in 1934.

NEW YORK CITY

ST. ANN'S NOTES

The following were confirmed at St. Ann's Church on Sunday, May 24th, by the Right Reverend Robert E. Campbell, retired Missionary Bishop of Liberia: Peter Adler, Annie Elizabeth Hoffman, Berthel Ericson, William Hosking, Randall McClelland, and Margaret Seibel.

The parish elections at St. Ann's Church on Thursday, May 21st, resulted in the following officers: President (*ex-officio*), the Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock, Vicar; First Vice-President (*ex-officio*), Dr. Edwin W. Nies, Vestryman; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Eleanor Sherman; Secretary, Mr. Arne N. Olsen; Treasurer, Mr. Alfred C. Stern; Assistant Treasurer, Mr. Harry Jackson; Board Members: Messrs. William Wren, Charles Terry, and Charles Olsen; Mesdames E. W. Nies, Gertrude Kent, and B. V. Baca.

A Strawberry Festival was held at St. Ann's on Saturday evening, June 6th. Only twenty-eight persons attended, but the fun proceeded. Seven reels of movies were shown, and ice-cream, strawberries, and cookies were served as refreshments afterwards. A small profit was made for the Fuel Fund. The committee consisted of Mr. Charles Olsen, Chairman, assisted by Messrs. Harry Jackson, Henry Brown, and R. Kerstetter.

Fifty reservations have been made for the Men's Club Bus Excursion to the Gallaudet Home on Saturday, June 20th (or 27th, if it rains). Reservations will close June 13th. Get your tickets from Harry Jackson, Chairman, care of St. Ann's Church, at \$1.65 each. Buses will leave the church at 8:00 A.M. sharp. Bring your lunch.

BROOKLYN GUILD

The annual Gallaudet Literary Social was held in the auditorium of St. Mark's Parish House on Saturday evening, June 6th. About forty-five people attended, and a very interesting program was presented, as follows:

Invocation, by the Rev. G. C. Braddock; Declaration, "Face to Face" by Mrs. Spencer Hoag and Mrs. Alfred Allen; Playlet, "I Don't Know What Time It Is," by Messrs. Charles Terry and Ben Ash, and Mesdames Terry, Hoag and Litchfield; Reminiscences of Thomas Gallaudet, D.D., by Messrs. Archibald McLaren, Alexander Goldfogle and Anthony Reiff; Story, "Grandma," by the Rev. Braddock; Declaration, "Patriotism," by Mr. Arne N. Olsen.

Playlet, "The \$500 Vase," by Misses Avis Allen and Mary Chamberlain, Mesdames Hoag and Terry, and Mr. Ben Ash.

It was a successful evening. Ice-cream and cake were served after the literary session. The committee in charge consisted of Mr. Spencer Hoag, Chairman, and Messrs. Terry, Ash, Braun, and Andes.

At the monthly meeting of Brooklyn Division, No. 23, it was decided to discontinue the annual picnic at Ulmer Park. In its stead there will be a "get-together" gathering at Luna Park in Coney Island, on the usual picnic date, which is the fourth Saturday of August—this time, the 29th. No special tickets will be sold, all there is to do is to pay the regular admission price to the Park and meet your friends there. It is hoped to get the management to grant the deaf a special section as headquarters. Reports have it that a couple of other organizations of the deaf will follow suit, and if the resultant attendance justifies it, the idea may become an

annual affair and induce special concessions from the management.

LUTHERAN NOTES

A bunco, "500" and bridge party was provided by St. Matthew Lutheran Guild for the Deaf, at Johnson Building, 8-12 Nevins Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Saturday evening, May 16th. Mrs. Conrad Ulmer, who was the chairlady, made the affair a financial success in spite of the short time for the preparation. Prizes were given to the one who had the highest scores at each table. The following received prizes: Mr. C. Ulmer, Mrs. J. Nesgood, J. Kriegshaber, J. Breden, R. Kroboth, K. Christgau, and the non-player J. E. Taplin.

Some donations were given for the benefit of the Lutheran Guild by Mrs. Lucy Peterson, the mother of Mrs. Conrad Ulmer, the secretary of the Guild; Mrs. Edna Von Pollnitz, Mrs. Margaret Borgstrand, Mr. J. Kriegshaber and Miss K. Christgau, who has been the treasurer of the Guild since its establishment. The Guild is thankful for those benevolent donations.

It is reported that Mrs. John Heil has been confined in the General Hospital in Brooklyn.

Mrs. John Nesgood's eyes have been under the care of a specialist for a long time, and she is greatly delighted with the improvement.

Through the kindness of St. Matthew Lutheran Guild, a little party was provided to the Lutheran Sunday School cadets of Fanwood and to the girls of Lexington School for the Deaf, under the direction of Rev. A. Boll, the pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 46th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenue, in the gymnasium. Rev. A. Boll brought the Lutheran girls in his car from their school and took them back again.

Some pictures of the cadets and the girls were taken by Walter Weisenstein, a member of the Guild, and some of the members were pictured in the group of the cadets. Afterwards games were played by the bright young cadets and the girls, under the management of Walter Weisenstein and John Breden.

There were three large tables like the ones in Fanwood's dining room and all of the cadets, the girls and the members of the committee sat down and enjoyed ice-cream and cake.

After the refreshments Rev. A. Boll gave a short talk to the Sunday School pupils, and cash prizes were awarded to the winners of the various games, who were Helen Brandt, Viola Jungle, William Stupfer and Donald Ockers. The committee were A. Downs, John Breden, C. Peterson, W. Weisenstein, Rev. A. Boll and C. Ulmer.

Mr. Charles Schatzkin, who had been visiting in New York City for the past few days to see how the town has been getting along without him since he moved to Miami, Fla., last year, sailed for home on Saturday morning, June 6th.

Mr. Adolph Pfeiffer has gone to his country place "Woodfin Park," at Lake George, N. Y., for the summer.

The stork stopped at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pokorny on May 21st and left a baby girl, weighing eight pounds, who has been named Dorothy.

The June quarterly meeting of the Fanwood Alumni Association will be held at the New York School for the Deaf on Saturday evening, June 13th.

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PHILADELPHIA

News items for this column should be sent to Howard S. Ferguson, 250 W. Sparks St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.

With the closing of the school term, the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf will lose two of its most outstanding men. Dr. Elbert A. Gruver, the superintendent, has tendered in his resignation, and Mr. Lloyd E. Berg, the assistant-superintendent, will leave to accept the offer of the Iowa State School to take charge of their affairs.

Dr. Gruver's resignation came as a district surprise, as very few knew of his desire to retire at this time. What his plans for the future are has not been learned at this writing.

Mr. Berg's resignation means an advancement to a higher position as Superintendent of the Iowa School. Mr. Berg and his family will leave in July for their new location, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Berg, parents of the new Superintendent, will accompany him West.

Alumni Day was celebrated at the Mt. Airy School on Saturday, June 6th. In the afternoon, the Old Timers engaged in combat the P. S. D. baseball nine, and showed the youngsters how baseball should be played when they took them into camp by the score of 11 to 5. The feature of the game was the splendid pitching of Hank Minnick, he with the piano legs, who showed old time form by holding the school boys to seven measly hits. Carmine DiGiacomo, who was probably born with a catching glove, had a field day when he pegged out five school boys who tried to take advantage of his "aging" arm and swipe second. Bob Mahon and Mike Prokopik starred at bat, both smashing out two hits. Mahon once again delivered his annual Alumni Day homerun.

The Alumni team consisted of Rowe, Gerhart, Mahon, Seward, DiGiacomo, Golob, Holmes, Prokopik, Minnick, Delaney, Verbin.

The P.S.D. nine were Butz, Valentine, Zabie, Quigley, Roab, Douglas, Humma, Gasco Miller, Bolton, Furman and Manieri.

The score by innings:

	R	H	E
Alumni	0	3	2
P. S. D.	2	1	0

In the evening there was a dance in Gilpin Hall that attracted a nice crowd and which saw the Graduating Class of 1936 being present. During a lull in the dancing, Miss Ruth Peterson, one of the graduates, was called on the stage and presented with a pen and pencil set for being the outstanding pupil of the year. Mr. Milton Savage, also one of the graduates, was presented with \$5.00 for putting his best efforts into literary work. In addition, every member of the class was presented with a year's membership in the Alumni Association. All awards were made by President Cusack;

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Graham, of York, Pa., who were married on the 6th, by the Rev. Edward F. Kaercher, were at the Alumni Dance that day, on their way to Atlantic City for their honeymoon. Mrs. Graham was the former Esther Heller. Mr. Graham, until recently of Harrisburg, was a student of the North Dakota School for the Deaf, at Devil's Lake. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller were respectively best man and bridesmaid at the wedding.

Another out-of-town visitor was Mr. Herbert Mills, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He dropped off at the Mt. Airy School for the Alumni Dance on his way to Springfield, Mass.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Mr. Frank Mescol and Miss Zoe Russell, both employed at the Mt. Airy School. They were betrothed on May 9th, 1936, at a party in their honor, attended by forty-four friends.

The Fairy Godmothers' Club held their annual election at the home of Mrs. William Smith, in Frankford.

ast month and the results were that all the officers of the preceding year were elected for another term, to wit: President, Mrs. John Allen; Vice-President, Mrs. Alexander S. McGhee; Secretary, Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Wolf. The Ladies have made their plans for the summer, with a trip by boat to Wilmington some time in July and an excursion to Wildwood, N. J., during August.

Mr. Edward Menendez was another addition to the fast growing Philly Frats at its last meeting, when he was sworn in to membership. Still another was brought up for consideration in the person of Mr. Fred A. Peccari. He was brought up for membership by Brother Rickert, himself only a member for a couple of months. Nice work, Brother!

The Lovetts of Washington, D.C., were in town for the Memorial Day week-end, visiting relatives and friends. They attended the Frat May Hop on May 30th, and went home with the \$5.00 door prize.

We wish to announce that the H. A. D. will have a card party at the club rooms, Broad and Jefferson Streets, on Saturday, June 20. The proceeds of same are to help defray expenses of their coming 30th anniversary banquet in October, 1937.

Talking of commuters, we state that Mr. Robert B. Johnston, of Wilmington, Del., has been traveling back and forth to Philadelphia and Wilmington for lo these many years, which represents a combined mileage of one and maybe five or six ciphers. Do I hear any more?

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Notice to the Deaf of America

If your W. P. A. job is threatened, or if you are dismissed from such job because of deafness, please get in touch with the undersigned.

Dismissal of workers because of their handicap is a direct violation of President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 7046, signed on May 20, 1935, which plainly states that physically handicapped persons may be employed in jobs they can fill and further adds: "(e) Except as specifically provided in this part, workers who are qualified by training and experience to be assigned to work projects shall not be discriminated against on any grounds whatsoever."

Our attention is drawn to discrimination against two deaf workers in Rome, N. Y., who were dismissed because the work they had been doing came suddenly under the hazardous class. The matter is being sifted and we intend to have a show-down.

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Hebrew Association of the Deaf of Philadelphia

Jefferson Manor at S.W., corner of Broad and Jefferson Streets.
Meets third Thursday evening of each month.
Rooms open for Socials Saturdays and Sundays.
For information, write to Morton Rosenfeld, President, 4652 N. Camac Street, or Mrs. Sylvan G. Stern, Secretary, 5043 N.

Silent Athletic Club, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa.

3535 Germantown Ave.
Club-rooms open to visitors during week-ends, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and during holidays. Business meeting every second Friday of the month. John E. Dunner, President. For information write to Morton Rosenfeld, Secretary, 4652 N. Camac Street, Philadelphia.

THE NEW EPHPHETA

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Homes for the Aged

Reading about the doings of various State Associations of the Deaf, it appears that Homes for the Aged are of paramount concern. From which I gather that the need must be great. Be that as it may, the fact remains that such Homes can be compared to ancient Poor Houses, which were abolished long ago. There are, I know, homes for aged folks where inmates (or their offspring) pay so much per week for a comfortable existence during their declining years. But such homes are located in every city of the land, in same neighborhood where inmates were brought up. They are free to go where they please or have visitors. Briefly, they are patterned after hotels, and like hotels offer service and comfort.

Now let us compare the average Home for the aged deaf with such modern hotels. As a rule, they are located in the country, usually accessible only by bus. The inmates feel they are dependent on charity; they likewise feel out of place, home-sick and confined. Particularly is this true of an ex-city dweller, although it must be admitted they are well cared for and have companionship they need.

I do not doubt that State Associations who maintain such homes are remiss in their duty. Indeed, they are doing good work to alleviate the suffering of the aged deaf. What I question is the soundness of the plan itself. It appears these Homes cost too much for upkeep and, what is more important, very few of the aged avail themselves of the opportunity to reside there. That may be due to fact that people prefer to eat the bitter bread of charity and continue living where they always have, instead of far away.

I hereby present a new plan; and a better method. A plan that is two-fold and will make the cost negligible. Every State Association should have some sort of Old-Age Revolving Fund. This can be built up either by taking from other funds a certain sum each year or by directly taxing each member 25 cents or so a year. Incidentally, the fund could be added to by holding special socials. Such Fund should be invested in a sound savings bank.

How will the plan work: Suppose the State of Blank has saved up a total of \$3,000 after a five-year period. It's Association hears of a needy couple residing in Smithville. Instead of shipping them off to some home for aged, located some 250 miles away, it makes arrangements with another deaf couple residing in the same city to take them in as paying guests at \$7.50 or so per week, with the State Association paying for it out of its Old-Age Revolving Fund.

What are the benefits? In the first place the deaf couple will spend their declining years amidst their friends, in familiar surroundings. Their lives are made happier as a result. In the second place, the couple that boards them will thus add to their income, be able to fare better, bring up their children better, dress better and live better. Thus it will be seen that not only will the aged folks be helped but likewise the poor among us. We can thus prove that the deaf take care of their own.

Finally, this plan will remove a constant worry from State Associations who are at a loss to find ways and means of keeping their Homes in operation; will eliminate yearly drives for funds and give them more time to think of more pressing problems in need of solutions.

ALTOR L. SEDLOW.

St. John's Chapel, Detroit, Mich.

Morning service at St. John's Chapel, on Vernon Highway and Woodward, by Rev. Horace B. Waters, at 11 o'clock.

Communion service every first Sunday in the morning.

Bible Class at St. John's Parish House, 33 East Montcalm Street, Room 2, at 3:45 P.M. All welcome.

Sign Language

There have been many attempts to introduce a universal language which could be used by people of different nationalities when communicating with each other. Esperanto is, perhaps, the best known of them, but others which have made considerable headway are Volapuk. Ido and a system of what is described by its inventor, Mr. C. K. Ogden, as "Basic English," by which the learning of the language would be reduced to the simplest standards, for the special benefit of foreign students. All these efforts are, of course, supplementary to the use of the mother tongue for all ordinary purposes while at home in one's native land.

Now comes a further development, with Sir Richard Paget's plan of a "sign language" after the system now used by deaf-mutes, but specially adapted for the purpose in view. Last year a service was conducted in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, in "natural pantomime," no words being spoken. The occasion was a service in connection with an international deaf-mute athletic gathering. "The miracle of the Day of Pentecost was repeated," says Sir Richard Paget, writing in "Overseas," "every person read what was 'signed' as if it had been expressed in his own language."

It is pointed out that aboriginal races have overcome linguistic difficulties by devising simple methods of communication between the different tribes. There were more than one hundred languages spoken by the Red Indians on this continent, but in addition to these there was one universal sign language by which all difficulties of inter-tribal commerce were overcome. Similarly in Australia, in parts of Queensland, a sign language is employed by the natives, "of which many of the signs are actually identical with those of Red Indians or English deaf-mutes." Other instances of communication by signs are found in Russian Armenia and the African Cameroons.

Sir Richard Paget has, with others, made a careful study of these languages, with the object of building up from them an auxiliary "universal language." Each word in Mr. Ogden's list of 850 "basic" words has been given its special sign, and it is said that an intelligent student can learn the signs for one hundred words in an hour.

"The whole vocabulary could be learnt, at a pinch, in a single day," says Sir Richard. But it takes some practice to express oneself concisely, each sign standing for an idea, there being no grammatical parts of speech and no superfluous words. It is said that the vocabulary of the new sign language is nearing completion and it is suggested that it be taught in all the schools of the different countries, so that visits might be exchanged and a spirit of better understanding and friendliness be fostered. Then, too, when television comes, everybody who "looks in" at the television would be able to understand just exactly what was meant.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

To the Deaf of New York

A Special Open Meeting of the Greater New York Branch, N. A. D. will be held at the Deaf-Mutes' Union League Hall, 711 Eighth Avenue, New York City, on Tuesday evening, June 23d, at eight o'clock. All the deaf, particularly those who are unemployed, are asked to attend. Action will be taken on the "W. P. A." and other matters. There will be no collection.

CHARLES JOSELOW, Secretary.
JERE V. FIVES, President.

The Church Mission to the Deaf

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL
Dioceses of Bethlehem, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and Erie
Rev. Warren M. Smaltz, M.A., S.T.B.,
General Missionary
718 Guilford Street, Lebanon, Pa.

Frederick, Md.

How silent are the halls of the Maryland School as this letter is being written! The reason is school closed for the long summer vacation yesterday morning, the pupils scattering by train, bus, family cars to the four corners of the state. The closing social of the year was held on the spacious front lawn from 7 to 8 o'clock, Tuesday evening. Preceding this a brief meeting was held in the auditorium where Dr. Bjorlee addressed the faculty, officers and pupils assembled. The address was full of sound advice for the pupils. The doctor expressed himself as well pleased with the record made at the school during the past year, 1935-'36.

Commencement week at the school began with the baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 24th. Captain Bernard Morris of the Salvation Army delivered the address. Commencement Day occurred on Thursday, the 27th, in the morning, of which gentlemen of the Board of Visitors met for a business session in the directors' room at 10:30 o'clock. Dr. Bjorlee submitted his report covering activities at the school for the year.

At 2 p.m. sharp, Dr. Bjorlee stepped upon the stage in the auditorium and opened the exercises. Facing him was a full house, every seat and standing space of the main floor and balcony being occupied by relatives of pupils, friends of the school, alumni and the pupils themselves. The program follows: Prelude, Waltz of the Flowers; Salutatory, "The Art of Printing" by Sheldon Blumenthal; Mother Goose Pageant; Presentation of Class by the Superintendent; awarding of prizes, John K. Shaw, president of the Board of Visitors; Valedictory, "The Value of a College Education," by Phoebe Hughes; Songs by Advanced Department; Benediction by Rev. D. E. Moylan.

Following the exercises the cadet battalion gave a demonstration of military tactics on the campus. The annual competitive drill in charge of Lieut-Col. Munshower was won by Herbert Frey, first; George Singer, second; Thaddeus Jackson, third. The superintendent's medal for best drill officer was awarded to Sheldon Blumenthal. Refreshments were served to all present.

The graduating class consisted of the following: Phoebe Hughes, Thos. Miller, Washington; Sheldon Blumenthal, Joseph Day, Benjamin Myerovitz, Ruth Pittman, Clara Koontz, Baltimore; Armstrong Elliott, Corbett; Trimble Lammert, Frostburg; Ruth Jones, Ocean City, and Viril Click, Frederick.

Sheldon Blumenthal, Benjamin Myerovitz and Thaddeus Juchino, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor on May 11th, received their badges at the time prizes were awarded the pupils.

Approximately sixty pupils took part in the pageant which was the main feature of the program and a departure from the usual exercises.

The hall is darkened, footlights turned on, the curtains part and behold there a beautiful stage set up to resemble an outdoor woodland. Enter pretty little raven-haired, dark-eyed Evelyn Schwartz, representing Alice in Wonderland. She falls asleep on the soft greensward and dreams of all the characters in Mother Goose story book. The characters appeared at the bidding of Mother Goose and act their assigned parts.

The pageant proved to be a success beyond the fondest expectations of the committee: Misses Kent, Henning, Antoinette Gale, Alyce Thompson and Mrs. Hector, who deserve praise. The following also contributed to its success: Miss Wohlstrom in charge of costumes, Miss Ruth Gale, stage scenery. Miss Mary Benson read the rhymes and Miss Houshin was the accompanist at the piano.

When the new school year commences in mid-September the faces of

four members of the school faculty will be missed: Miss Julia Thompson, who transfers to the Newark, N. J., day school; Miss Alyce Thompson, who goes to the Florida School; Miss Mary Ziegler, who will teach in the Indiana School; and Miss Cora Witcher, a valued and efficient teacher with many years of service to the school who is obliged to retire and accept a pension. On June 11th, Miss Witcher embarks at New York on a cruise that will take her around the world.

We had much pleasure in entertaining Mr. Roy B. Conkling, Versailles, O., well-known editor of the *American Deaf Citizen*. His visit was brief and ill-timed, coming as it was on the last day of school when we were unable to show him the good work of the pupils.

Arriving in the early morning hours of June 2d, accompanied by his son, Roy, Jr., and Mr. W. W. Duvall, whose guest he was while in Washington, he was given an opportunity to observe some work in the academic department. He addressed the advanced pupils assembled in the auditorium on a special call. A trip was made through the Barracks Museum after dinner, then a tour was taken over the city, the writer accompanying to act as a guide. The Taney Home was entered and considerable time was spent viewing the historic relics. Being an editor Mr. Conkling naturally requested to be shown to the *News-Post*. There he inspected the plant and formed the acquaintance of Editor Delaplaime. The Conklings took their departure in mid-morning yesterday, with Romney, W. Va., as their objective. Mr. W. W. Duvall left for Washington on the bus two hours later.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinn spent the week-end of May 29th to June 1st, in the metropolis of Pennsylvania, and visited their relatives and friends. On Saturday they extended their trip to Trenton, N. J., to take in the Eastern States Schools for Deaf Athletic Association track meet held on the grounds of the school for deaf. The athletes of the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, their Alma Mater, rolled up enough points to capture the coveted silver cup.

Rev. D. E. Moylan conducted service for the deaf of Frederick at Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday morning, May 31st, 11 o'clock. A large number of older pupils of the school attended the services. From here he went to Hagerstown, where in the afternoon, he preached to the deaf at St. Paul's Church.

We enjoyed a visit from Rev. Georg Almo on the week-end of May 30th-31st. At the conclusion of the graduates' program given on the last night of the Ely Literary Society's year, Rev. Almo gave a talk before the pupils on Zacharias Topelius, a Swedish-Finnish author. A reading on "The Black Angel" by Topelius, was also given. Sunday afternoon he preached in chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriah Shockley entertained Miss Helen Skinner, of Baltimore, as their guest on May 31st. The trip was made through the kindness of Mr. James Foxwell, who also brought Rev. Moylan, and returning to Baltimore he invited Rev. Almo to accompany them.

The night of May 16th found practically all the deaf of Frederick in attendance at the entertainment, under auspices of Baltimore Division of Frats, held at Gehb Hall. Mr. Charles Creager held the lucky ticket that brought him the large chocolate layer cake. This is the third time he won a cake. If he does not carry about a rabbit's foot we wonder.

May 12th, Mr. Grover C. Leatherman, a farm hand of Washington County, was a visitor at his old school.

Mr. William McCannless, of Canton, Ga., paid his Alma Mater a visit on May 12th and again on May 15th. A hearing friend, Mr. R. B. Sims, accompanied him. William took pictures of us with his movie camera to remind him of his visit here.

It is not generally known that there exists a gold and silver mine that can be operated on a paying basis right here in Frederick County, and it isn't far from Frederick either. Mr. Henry Benson can show you the place. Sunday, May 24th, he visited it with his cousin, Mr. Charles Benson. It is located near Braddock Heights in the Cotritin mountains, which border the valley on the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Harmon spent May 17th with their relatives, the McVernons of this city. Mrs. McVernon and children were given a ride in the afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon. All that day the Cannons were kept busy entertaining a score of friends who arrived and departed at different hours.

The school's baseball team closed its short season with an easy victory over the Alumni team on May 23d, in a game that went seven innings. However the deaf lads lost to Middletown High School on May 14th, score 25 to 5; and to Davis-Hemphill, semi-pros, of Baltimore, May 16th, score 12 to 1. So strong was the opposing team that the services of Mr. Leonard Downes, the school's former pitching ace, were required. Downes struck out seventeen. Coach McVernon says that baseball will be continued at the school in 1937, with a longer schedule.

The Maryland school athletes rolled up 98 points which were enough to capture the seventh triangular track and field meet held Friday afternoon, May 20th, on Bjorlee Field. Frederick High School trailing 22 points was placed second, and Church Street School, third. Thomas Miller, of our school, was the highest individual score with 21 points. George Singer also deaf set a new record of 2 minutes 14 2-5 seconds for the 880-yard run.

June 4th.

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Syracuse, N. Y.

The Syracuse Frats celebrated their anniversary (just exactly which one, our informant stateth not) on May 30th, in connection with Memorial Day observance, by a fine fish and chicken dinner at Hinderwadel Grove, on the Liverpool Road, with Messrs. Woodworth and Pabst as the reigning spirits. Some thirty Frats were present and a most enjoyable time had.

Rev. and Mrs. Merrill left on May 22nd, for an auto trip to Malone, where Rev. Merrill held a service in a local church. On account of the school being under measles quarantine, they could not visit there. They stopped at Canton to help their little grandson celebrate his sixth birthday, then went on to Clayton to visit the Huffstatters. This week the Merrills will go to Rochester, Buffalo and other places up north.

The Root children were in Syracuse over Memorial Day visiting their parents.

Rev. Robert Root, of Webster, was recently elected president of the Northwestern New York ministerial association of the Methodist Church of the district comprising Buffalo, Rochester and surrounding places.

On June 6th, Thomas Bremner celebrated his 65th birthday, and deaf friends here sprang a surprise on him at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Root.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Strail will move to Cicero the middle of June to spend the summer on the farm owned by the parents of Mr. Strail. Their small deaf son attends the Percy Hughes School in Syracuse, which will close on June 19th.

We wish to retract a statement in a previous letter that Mrs. Walter Wright of Rome, had been confined in Marcy Hospital. She was for a time under treatment at a Sanatorium for lung trouble, but is now at her own home in Rome. As these two places are located near Utica, we imagined they were one and the same place, and got things mixed. Sorry!

Mrs. Alfa Robertson Casey, who for many years had been a valued instructor at the Romney, W. Va., school, resigned the first of June, and has gone to her old home near Indianapolis, Indiana, to spend the rest of her days. Mrs. Casey graduated from the old Indiana school sometime in the '80's and for years taught there, then went to the Iowa school. She is one of the oldest in both years and point of service of the deaf teachers in the United States. She is a fluent writer and something of a poet, and is one of the most intelligent deaf we have ever met.

Mr. George D. Connor spent several weeks in Brooklyn, N. Y., with a hearing sister, but has returned to Garden City, L. I., where he makes his home with a daughter, Mrs. Robert Whalen. He spent last winter with another daughter and son in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Among those who attended the Indiana reunion the first of June, were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Freeman of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cloud of Laporte, Indiana. Sorry we were unable to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman will make their annual trip to northern Wisconsin early in July, where they will spend the summer at a cottage, probably at Tomahawk Lake.

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TOMORROW, June 12th, with the conclusion of its Graduation Exercises, Fanwood closes its 118th year in the instruction of the deaf and the intellectual and vocational improvement of those who have received the benefit of its liberal course of education. With a list of 5,700 who have attended the New York School since its opening in 1818, it may well be proud of the record, it has maintained for over a century.

Age seems to add to its strength and luster, and it can look forward to many years of most useful service in behalf of the deaf of New York and incidentally the deaf generally.

REGARDING educational systems employed with children there are frequent discussions mostly adverse to, or critical of present methods. It is argued that children must be so taught that they will be free yet disciplined in their modes of thought and conduct. On the other hand it is contended that, at a time when we are most in need of the freedom and fearlessness in the training that the schools afford, there is opposition to free and fearless scholarship.

In other days the enforcement of a formula was considered as dangerous, that children should be trained to the social order. Many good teachers consider that the schools should reflect the old beliefs, a normal intellectual process with quality of character rather than a hard-and-fast pattern. In keeping with the old truths they would blaze a new trail into the future. This requires disciplined intelligence in the direction of school affairs.

This sounds plausible, and will probably hold good until some new investigator comes forward and objects to the efforts of school authorities to make the most of the material and means at their disposal. It is so simple for an observer to criticise a

work in which he is not personally engaged. The marvel is that so great improvements in processes and technique are being made by devoted bands of teachers, notwithstanding obstructive difficulties and criticism that have to be met and, as far as possible, overcome.

A FEW years ago there was an exodus of prominent Principals and teachers from schools for the deaf, those who had arrived at their several age limitations for retirement. This Spring there is the announcement of withdrawals from the management of schools of a noticeable group of Superintendents, who are to leave their positions at the close of the school terms and give place to new appointments.

Among the departing are Mr. O. L. McIntire, the popular Superintendent of the Iowa School, who retires for reason of declining health, and is to be succeeded by Mr. Lloyd E. Berg, assistant to the Superintendent of the Pennsylvania School; Mr. Otis A. Betts, Principal of the Central New York School, who returns to his home in North Carolina, and is succeeded by Mr. John Butler Hague, formerly connected with the New York State Department of Education, and who previously had extended experience as a teacher in the Public Schools of New York City; Dr. J. H. Stone, Superintendent of the Mississippi School, who retires in order to resume the practice of medicine, and is succeeded by Mr. Richard H. Dobyns, son of the late distinguished educator and advocate of the deaf, Dr. John R. Dobyns, former Superintendent of the Mississippi School and later of the Arkansas School; Mr. James C. Harris, at present Superintendent of the Georgia School, who it is reported, intends to retire from the profession in 1937.

ANOTHER piece of good work by President Kenner of the National Association of the Deaf, in advancing the interests of the deaf is witnessed in the passing by the New York Legislature and approval by Governor Lehman of two bills offered by Senator Livingston, Brooklyn Democrat, in hearty co-operation with Mr. Kenner. These bills will provide better State help for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Enactment of the bills was recommended by Mr. Lehman in a special message to the Legislature.

One of the bills required that in all schools tests for hearing shall be made at least once each year with audiometers or other scientific devices. It authorizes the State Commissioner of Education to appoint a competent person to supervise these tests.

The second bill requires every doctor, nurse, parent or guardian to report to the State Health Commissioner the names of all children under six years of age who are totally deaf or whose hearing is impaired.

IN a case recently considered by the Collector of Internal Revue at New York City, it was agreed that the retirement pensions of former teachers of schools for the deaf were not taxable.

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GALLAUDET COLLEGE

By Felix Kowalewski

The annual Alumni prizes for the best story, essay, and poem published in the *Buff and Blue* through the college year, were awarded last week. The prize for the best poem went to Mary Miller '39, for her poem, "The Still, Small Voice." The prize for the best essay went to Harold Domich, P. C., for his essay "Arrow-head." The prize for the best story was awarded to Jack Blindt, P. C., for his "A Tale the Cloister."

The new *Buff and Blue* board for the college year 1936-37 were elected as follows: Editor-in-chief, Hubert Sellner '37; Literary Editor, Felix Kowalewski '37; News Editor, Otto Berg '38; Sports Editor, Raymond Hohen '39; Alumni Editor, Mr. J. Stewart '39. Associates are Edna Paananen '37, Verna Thompson '37, Alfred Hoffmeister '37, Bertha Marshall '38; Catherine Marshall '39, Lillian Hahn '39, Rex Lowman '40.

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Friday night, June 5th, the Senior Prom was held in the Old Gym from 9 to 1 o'clock. Miss Peet, Mr. Doctor, and Mr. and Mrs. Davies were on the receiving line. The committee consisted of Alfred Hoffmeister '37, chairman, Henry Reidelberger '38, Alden Ravn '39, and Richard Phillips, P. C.

Saturday afternoon, June 6th, the annual commencement exercises were held in Chapel Hall at four o'clock, with the Hon. Ernest G. Draper, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, addressing the graduates. Mr. Draper is the son of a former member of the Gallaudet College faculty, the late Amos G. Draper. The valedictory address was delivered by Gordon Hirschy. His subject was "The College and the Student."

The following was the Order of Exercises:

Invocation.....Rev. H. Lorraine Tracy, Minister to the Deaf,
Protestant Episcopal Church
Oration, "The Place of Gallaudet College in the Education of the Deaf".....Robert M. Greenmun, New York
Valedictory, L. Gordon Hirschy, Arkansas
Conferring of Degrees by President Percival Hall, Vice-President Charles R. Ely, Professor Isaac Allison, and Professor Sam B. Craig
Address by The Honorable Ernest G. Draper, Assistant Secretary of Commerce
Benediction.....Rev. Arthur D. Bryant, Minister to the Deaf,
Calvary Baptist Church

The conferring of Degrees were as follows:

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Stanley A. Patrie, New York
Louis B. Sorensen, South Dakota
Gladys Annabelle Walford, North Dakota
Iva Jeanette Weisbrod, Iowa
Lillie Loretta Zimmerman, Texas

DEGREE OF MASTER OF ARTS IN THE NORMAL DEPARTMENT

Maurine Allison, District of Columbia
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Jackson A. Raney, Indiana
Alice Frances Rowell, Virginia
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HONORARY DEGREE, MASTER OF ARTS

Edith M. Fitzgerald
Helen B. Fay

The Reception Committee consisted of Olaf Tollefson, Marshal; Joseph Burnett, Alfred Caligiuri, Alfred Hoffmeister, Felix Kowalewski, Dan Long, William McCord, Hubert Sellner, John Slanski and John Vogt.

Reunion of the Gallaudet College Alumni Association

In order to provide a week-end for those of the alumni who may be able to take in only one day, the reunion date has been changed to begin with supper on Wednesday, June 17, and end with breakfast on Sunday, June 21. This will enable us to have the banquet on Saturday night. Notification cards have been sent out to all members and also to all graduates whose addresses could be obtained. The fee covering everything except the banquet is \$10.00. For separate breakfast, 50 cents; luncheon, 60 cents; dinner, 75 cents, and room for one night \$1.00. In order to prepare for your comfort and entertainment it is necessary to know approximately how many of you will be able to attend the reunion. The committee having charge of the reunion will appreciate it if those who intend to come will let it be known by sending us a postal card or letter.

Several postal cards have been returned as unclaimed. This shows that we do not have the correct addresses of all. Any graduate, or former student, not receiving a card should not feel offended. We simply do not have their addresses. Should any see this notice and wish to attend the reunion, all that need be done is to send in a postal card.

Dr. and Mrs. Hall will give a reception to the alumni on Wednesday evening, June 17. Thursday evening, June 18, Mr. Ernest G. Draper, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, has promised to be present at the presentation of a picture of his father, Dr. Amos G. Draper, to the College. The banquet will be held on Saturday evening, June 20. Remember the date: June 17 to June 21, 1936.

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Ominous

Frederick Locker Sampson tells, in "My Confidences," of an old sea captain who, when he had retired from active service, lived alone under the faithful care of an old servant named John. The captain was very methodical, and John provided him every morning with a penny roll for breakfast. What he ate one day was, as to kind and quantity, what he wished to eat the next.

One morning the breakfast-bell rang, and when John appeared his master groaned and said, in an agitated voice, "John, I'm very ill. Go for Doctor Dobson. This is probably the beginning of my last illness."

"Oh no, sir," said John, "I hope not. What is it, sir? What does it feel like?"

"I've entirely lost my appetite," said the captain. "It never happened before. I can't get through my penny roll."

"Bless you, sir, is that all?" cried John, relieved. "Why, when the baker came this morning all the penny rolls was gone, sir, so I gave you a tupenny one!"

OHIO

News items for this column can be sent to Mr. Wm. T. Uren, School for the Deaf, Columbus, Ohio.

The school has closed its doors for the summer and Columbus reminds one of a deserted mining town on the Yukon River. Where the shouts of playing youngsters once echoed through the long halls there is nothing but an eerie quiet stillness that somehow chills the marrow of one's bones. To one that works in an institution, the children and their pranks sometimes tries the hardest patience, and many times an employee wishes that the children were not around to rouse his ire. When the school closes the employees are quiet, they do not seem their natural selves, there seems to be something missing from their everyday life. Working in the empty dormitories seems to be a strange unnatural job to them. The thing that is missing is the children, they are the life of the institution, without them the buildings are strange places, like some forgotten city that once hummed with every-day life. When the children return to school in the fall, the ones that will welcome them most will be the employees that stayed in the institution during the long summer months, the children are their cares and their worries, without them they cannot be their natural selves.

Eleven of our pupils were graduated with full honors on Thursday afternoon, May 28th. Mr. E. N. Dietrich, Assistant State Director of Education, delivered the commencement address. The theme of his address was "Be Honest with Yourself." It was a fine address, during which he stressed the need of being able to make one's own decisions and sticking to them. The proceedings were ably interpreted by Mrs. R. P. Thomas, the daughter of Mr. A. B. Greener. The graduates are: Frank A. Boldizar, Columbus; Willard D. Carlisle, Hillsboro; Ruth B. Ellerhorst, Dayton; Thelma E. Grigsby, Columbus; Helen J. Hesse, Cleveland; Eldora M. Hopkins, Kent; Cecil D. Jackson, Lucasville; Thelma G. Kline, Westerville; Stanley J. Pawlak, Piney Fork; Virgil N. Shroyer, Urbana; Harry L. West, Plymouth. The writer wishes these lucky persons the best of luck. May the paths of their future lives be paved with the flagstones of success.

The graduating class gave a fine play called "Irish Stew." It was a great success in every way. The play was given on three nights, which is a sort of record for plays given in our school; better still, the proceeds from the play went to the Old Home. This is a heartening thing for many old timers to read, it shows that the present day graduates think of the Old Home, which gives promise that they will not neglect it in the future.

There was a field meet for the pupils on Saturday, May 23d. Quite a good showing was put in by the boys. All records of 1935 were broken at this meet, so our pupils can be put on par with college athletes—they seem to shatter many records every time they meet. The highest individual score was turned in by James Shopshire, who scored 10 points by taking firsts in the high jump and the 440-yard run.

The members of the Columbus Ladies Aid Society had planned to hold their annual picnic in June at the Shiller Park Shelter. The committee for the event, however, could not get use of the shelter in June so the date has been changed to July 25th, at 3 P.M. All members of the society are invited to attend with their families. Bring your own baskets of food and table service. The society will furnish coffee and ice cream.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosomer will finish an eight-year course in the College of Medicine at

the Ohio State University this month. He will start his own practice on July 1, in offices located on the corner of Jeager and Thurman Streets. On the slate outside the door will be "Dr. W. Rosomer."

Mr. Ferdinand McCarthy of Detroit, Mich., was in Columbus recently to visit his fiancée, Miss Virginia Thompson. They picked June 26, as the date for their wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Koziar dropped in on Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moore in their home near Worthington a few weeks ago. The Koziars were returning from a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls. From Columbus they proceeded to the Indiana School to visit friends there. Mrs. Koziar is the former Miss Ann Marino of the Ohio School.

June, the month of brides and grooms, is taking its usual toll of the teaching staff of the school. Miss Elizabeth Corkwell, one of our primary teachers, is to marry Dr. Flanigan on June 24th. Both are from Newark. Dr. Flanigan has a dentist's practice in Columbus. Miss Gordon is to be married on June 10, to some young man whose name I cannot recall. Miss Yokum is to be married this month too, again the name of the fortunate young man has slipped my rather short memory. These three young ladies are all charming persons besides being excellent teachers, and they will be missed by everyone connected with the school. May good luck and happiness be their companions for the duration of their married life.

Mr. Otto Seidowski is busy at work with Mr. Kenneth Smethers painting houses. Mr. Alfred Young has returned to Cleveland until the opening of the school in the fall calls him back to his job. Mr. Wm. Eichler is returning to Akron soon. Miss Toskey is in Cincinnati. Mr. J. Flood is in the final drive of his studies for the M.A. degree at the Ohio State University, and will get it this month. Miss Buster is studying at the same place, and also Mr. E. Kennedy.

Harold Katz of Toledo, is staying over at the school and is getting some special instructions on "stone work" in our printing shop. He is a very good printer, and types so fast that the machines in the school shop are too slow for him. He has several offers of work, but has not decided which to take yet. Steve Benedict of Toledo, is spending his third summer at the school, cleaning the rooms, washing walls, etc. He is a small young man, but a mighty atom when it comes to work.

There will be a rally of the Akron deaf this month at some place or other, to make arrangements to attend the O. D. M. A. outing at the Old Home en masse. Mr. K. Ayers, as usual, is the brains behind the idea. Well, come along, Akron, Columbus will give you a time that you will long remember.

The plans for the O. D. M. A. outing at the Old Home near Westerville, are almost finished. There will be a door prize, beauty contest, softball game between Northeastern and Southwestern Ohio, fireworks, and many other things that still are being arranged. Refreshments and sandwiches will be sold by the Columbus Advance Society. The attendance is expected to exceed 500. All other cities will be almost deserted by the deaf on July 4th. Their whereabouts will be no mystery, they will be at the Ohio Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf.

Now that Columbus is being deserted for the summer by the deaf, the writer must ask the Ohio readers to contribute some news with which he can turn out a column, or Ohio's column will not appear every week as it has in the past.

Here is a list of picnics and outings given by the Ohio deaf through the summer. The list may not be complete, but this is all I know of, if anyone wants their picnics or out-

ings announced they need only send me a card giving particulars of the event.

June 14—Picnic at Fautot Park, Lima, Ohio. Benefit of Old Home.

June 20—Strawberry Festival and Card Party, St. Agnes' Episcopal Mission House, Cleveland, O.

June 20—Social, Parish House of the Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield, O. Benefit of Old Home.

July 4—Outing, Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf, near Westerville, O. Benefit of Old Home.

July 12—Picnic, Community Park, Troy, O. Benefit of Old Home.

July 19—Picnic, Idora Park, Youngstown, Ohio.

July 19—Cleveland, Akron-Canton Picnic, lake near Cleveland.

August 2—Picnic, Community Park, Troy, Ohio. Benefit of Old Home.

CHICAGOLAND

Chicago knows where to find its pleasures. If she does not find them hereabouts, she will go outside for them. This is what she has done over the recent week-end holidays and Milwaukee has provided them generously during May 29 and 30, where there was an outburst of fraternity, known as Milwaukee Frat Jamboree.

Some seventy-five Chicagoans migrated to that town to taste of them, those who had attended last year's affair of the same kind declared that the second taste was equally good if not better, while the first tasters clucked approvingly. Friday night, May 29, saw about one hundred fifty gentlemen at the Gala Night Club Affair at Odd Fellows Hall, 745 N. 10th Street. For one dollar which they each paid, they had all they wanted, and could not ask much more, so satisfied were they with free eats, smokes, beer and "entertainment dyed with tabasco sauce." About 1:30 A.M. they all moved to Milwaukee Silent Club headquarters, ten blocks away, to find out what the ladies had been up to.

It was so overcrowded that no one could move around without jostling or knocking over others. The Aux-Frats did their part as hostesses to the women visitors with a card party of similar kind as in Chicago, such as "500" and pinochle, and wound up with a short vaudeville show. It included a coming star, named Lorraine Szablewski, who showed every promise of excelling herself in the field of acting under guidance of some competent director. It also had two acts performed by a Chicago pair, Virginia Dries and Ann Shawl, which consisted of a song, "Cheek to Cheek" and a dialogue, "Over the Fence." The ladies likewise were served free refreshments. To this affair, even men who have not joined the N. F. S. D. were not admitted, and they hung around in the room set aside for the billiards, a hint to those, who can afford, to sign up and declare themselves Frats, and get away from "No Man's Land."

The banquet on the following night, May 30th, was beyond expectations, so was the rest of the glamorous night, filled with professional acts, music dancing and social contacts. It was in the Crystal Ball Room, of the Hotel Schroeder admirably restful in its spaciousness and height and crystalline colors. The plate reservations numbered two hundred and forty. Three speakers, City Attorney Walter Mattison, Sheriff Joseph Shinnars, and Arthur L. Roberts, took about forty minutes with their speeches.

The banquet and floor show were equally good, evidences of good taste and judgement of those in charge, or more likely Arthur G. Leisman, chairman, in particular. The deaf were not too deaf not to know what good music was, and said it was super-excellent. To wind up the night, there was a Broom Dance, an old fashioned game that looked strange and delightful in swanky surroundings.

Many asked who went to Milwaukee. To satisfy their curiosity,

here is a whole lot of them: all Grand Officers of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and their wives, namely, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Neesam, Mr. and Mrs. Washington Barrow, Chas. Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. Landislaus Cherry, Harrison Leiter, Rev. and Mrs. Flick, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Meehan, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libbey, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Himmelstein, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shawl, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Livshis, Mrs. Rilla Blair and her two daughters, Mrs. Frederick Wirt, Mr. and Mrs. Chaloshe, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jacobson, Mr. and Mrs. Borowick, Betty and Marie Yanzito, Charles Krauel, Charles Yanzito, Franklin Quarry, Virginia Dries, Mary Murphy, Elsie Carlson, Isabelle Mandarin, Dorothy Bailly, Mera Panka, Marcella McAllese, Mary Rich, Linda Brimble, Greta Dorfman, Pearl Peterson, Catherine Kilcoyne, Herman Witte, Jack Allen, Jule Guthman, Joe Abarbanell, Anthony L. Kelly, John Kelly, Elmer Olson, Charles Mow, George Gordon, Robert Powers, Louis Greenberg, Forrest Hoffman, Martin Lowe, James Epstein, George Pick, Louis Rozett, Fred Young, Jack Gevirts, Herman Vanderplow and his circle.

Meyer Jacobs, a well-known zealous enthusiast and worker for the former Silent Athletic Club, died two weeks ago from stomach cancer of a few months standing.

Catherine Kilcoyne was given a surprise party by Cora Jacoba, Saturday, May 23d. In attendance were twenty people. For a present, they gave her a bag of coins, seven dollars and fifty cents. Asked what she would do with it, she said she would start an European Trip Fund. She must be expecting more parties yearly for that fund.

Miss Eugenia Kwasniewski (Krause for short) was surprised with a shower party, promoted by Miss Harry Davidson, Sunday, May 23d. It is understood she would be married to Mr. Johnson, of Western Springs, Ill., in June.

Mrs. Eva Courtney, widow of a few months and mother of Mrs. Edward Flliger, was found dead in the automobile inside the garage, Sunday morning, May 23d. The cause was carbon monoxide poisoning.

Gus Anderson has been lying in the hospital for the last three weeks from an operation. He expects to leave shortly.

On Saturday, June 13th, the Lutheran Deaf-Mute Ladies Aid Society have a strawberry festival, with Mesdames Anderson and Horn in charge.

Saturday, June 20th, Chicago Divisions, No. 1 and 106, have a card party at Lincoln Turner Hall for the 1937 Smoker Fund.

The quarterly meeting of the Chicago Chapter, Illinois Association of the Deaf, will be held at the M. E. Church.

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Farewell Address

At the New York School for the Deaf
June 7, 1936

By Rev. G. C. Braddock, Vicar of St. Ann's Church
for the Deaf

Each member of the graduating class, whom I have the honor to address this afternoon, will be able to say, as St. Paul once did: "I have finished my course." St. Paul said these words with a feeling of contentment, as if he were surveying a task well done. Those of you who have pursued your studies faithfully can be proud that your days in school are completed: that you are to receive your diplomas as a mark of commendation for your efforts. Your pride on this occasion is shared, no doubt, by your parents, by those of your friends who will visit the School to see you graduated; and by the Superintendent, teachers, and officers of the School, who have done their best to lead you toward this accomplishment.

The diplomas that you will receive are not the sole reward of your labors. The chief reward which your school confers upon you, has already been given to you, and that is—growth. In the schoolroom you have labored, and as a result your minds have grown and developed. The possession of a trained mind is worth more than a hundred diplomas. In the Vocational Department, you have labored, and your reward is a dexterity with your hands that will be one of your principal assets in life. You have labored in the gymnasium and on the drill-ground, and you reward for that is health and strength of body. You have been energetic in the playroom, too; and that has brought you happiness which you will always remember, and has formed for you many friendships which will last you all the years of your life.

What lies ahead of you now? In saying farewell to your school-days, have you any idea of the days that are to come? They will be very different. You will still find happiness in many of these days, but—the happiness will be teamed up with responsibility. So much have you grown, in acquiring your right to a diploma, that now you require two steeds instead of one to draw you further in your progress. Hitherto, your contentment has come from play, and plenty of play. After you leave school, you will find that contentment comes also from work; that you can no longer be able to gain happiness from play unless you give part of the day to worthwhile work.

No doubt you have heard other people say that we do not cease learning after leaving school. But you may not be aware of the fundamental difference between learning in school and learning out of school. It is the difference between a bird in the nest and a bird on the ground. In the nest, the mother bird puts food into the open beak of her offspring; but when the young one leaves the nest, he picks up his food himself. From now on, you will have no teachers, and will have to teach yourselves. That is the goal at which your School has aimed: to provide you with training enough to become self-reliant the rest of your lives. In your history lessons, you may recollect that Daniel Webster taught himself the principles of public speaking, and that Abraham Lincoln made a lawyer of himself. Like all famous men, you will have to instruct yourselves in the details of whatever business or career it falls to your lot to take up. A few of you may be fortunate enough to obtain further teaching from college or night-school, but the rest of you will have to depend mostly on yourselves. In this case, remember that the only way to learn is to pay attention, to be interested in what you are doing, and to observe every detail that has to do with your work. Therein lies the secret of success.

Most of you will perhaps think there is some other, some easier way to learn and to succeed. In this connection, there is a tale told by the Arabs, of a young man who decided to become a merchant. Now, he did not wish to become just an average merchant keeping a small shop. He had his heart set upon becoming a successful merchant, making lots of money. So, before he started his shop he looked about for someone to teach him the secret of becoming rich. After many inquiries he heard of a wise man, who, it was said, could tell him anything he wanted to know. But this wise man

lived a long distance away—on the borders of China, across many mountains and deserts. It was seven years before the young man found him; but when at last he reached the wise man's house, he was filled with joy, and said "Now, I will learn how to become rich." However, upon his asking the wise man for the secret of success, the young man was surprised when the wise man asked him: "From whence do you come?" "From Bagdad," he answered. Said the wise man: "On your way here, you have passed through eleven of the largest cities in Asia, each with its bazaar, or marketplace, where all sorts of things are sold, and where the wealthiest merchants congregate. Have you worked in these markets, and observed how the merchants make money?" "No," said the young man, "I did not have time for that." "If you had only done so," exclaimed the wise man, "you would now be rich and successful. My advice to you is to return the same way you came, and do what you failed to do at first."

The purpose of my words is not, however, to give you the mistaken impression that the gaining of wealth is the only objective of life, or that it serves as the measure of success. Wealth will come to some of you, perhaps. But other things lie ahead of you. There is opportunity in the deaf community for you to distinguish yourselves, in various ways. If you do not acquire wealth, other blessings will fall on your heads. There may be power, fame, influence, and service to humanity in store for you. You may learn to fill a permanent place in the business world. You will learn to take on your own shoulders the responsibility of your own living, and, after that, the responsibility for the care of other people, as your parents have cared for you. You will learn, also, your responsibilities as members of the community; as citizens of the country; as human beings made in God's image. As these new duties fall to your lot, one by one, you will begin to find true happiness, to feel a real pride in all that you accomplish.

To return to the words of St. Paul: when he said "I have finished my course," he did not refer to the course of study in a school. He meant something much larger: the whole of his life-time. St. Paul was an old man when he said that, and he meant to say that he had done his duty, throughout the many years of his life. He had lived in God's law, and had worked constantly, and had brought happiness to his fellowmen. In comparing his own life to a racing-course, he expressed his belief that he had been given life for a purpose; that a goal had been set for him to make. He believed that he had made the goal by living in the way pointed out by God through His prophets.

The course has been set for every one of you in the graduating class. The goal has been pointed out. In the race of life, your objective is—Usefulness. On the day when you become useful in the business world, so that your employer will keep you on his pay-roll, you will have passed the first lap of the course. There are other laps to go, as it will be a long run. Usefulness as an aid to your parents, or as the head of a family; usefulness as a companion to the people among whom you live; usefulness to those younger than yourself, as a leader and a guide; usefulness to your country as a voter interested in good government; usefulness to your fellow-deaf by co-operating in all movements for the welfare of the deaf—these are some of the laps that you should make before you can say with St. Paul: "I have finished my course." In being useful, do not forget God the Creator, who was the inspiration of Paul's life. He who is useful to God, is useful to man. No man can finish his course without the strength that God gives.

In the Second Book of Kings, third chapter, there is a story which illustrates the part which God plays in bringing success to human efforts. The people of Judah were at war with the people of Moab. Jehoshaphat, the King of Judah, was leading his army to meet the enemy. After seven days of marching, they found themselves in the wilderness of Edom, a desolate land void of lakes or streams. There was no water for the soldiers, nor for the cattle that they had taken along as food, nor for the horses and mules that carried armour and other supplies. Without water, the army could neither advance nor return home. It was a problem which even so able a king as Jehoshaphat could not solve without divine aid. He asked if there was a prophet in the army. One of the servants answered that they had with them a prophet named Elisha. The King immediately went to Elisha, accompanied by two other kings and the generals of the army, to ask the prophet for a word from the Lord. Elisha refused to do anything, until he saw the face of Jehoshaphat in the delegation. The King was known to all as a man who kept God's commandments; and for him the prophet asked the help of the Lord. The hand of the Lord came upon Elisha, and he said:

"Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches * * * Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts." Thereupon, the King gave the order to dig ditches, and the soldiers set to work, and labored till nightfall. In the morning, water came rushing down the valley of Edom, and filled all the ditches. With plenty of water, the army of Judah was enabled to finish its course, and overcome the enemy.

The divine aid will always be with you in your progress after school-days, if you are worthy. Dig your ditches, and have faith in the Lord. When you are lost in the wilderness of discouragement, keep on working at whatever is necessary, and you will be rewarded with final success. The Lord will listen to the prayers of those who have been faithful in keeping His commandments. Therefore, one of the things that lie before you in the future is the living of a virtuous life. Among other things, teach yourselves to be honest and sincere and charitable, and regular in the worship of God. Learn to be leaders in church and synagogue, for your own good and that of your fellowmen. You will gain spiritual strength, from sources that you cannot see, and opportunities and achievements will come to you, in a manner which you cannot explain, as the water came to King Jehoshaphat's army.

In athletic contests, the course is always made smooth for the runners. In real life, you will find the course very rocky and uneven. There will be many slips of the foot: you will make mistakes sometimes, will be led out of the right way sometimes, will fall over obstacles and temptations. But keep your goal of Usefulness always in sight, and eventually you will arrive, with the happy realization of success: "I have finished my course; I have attained my objective."

School Year Closes

Editorial in The Fanwood Journal

June 12th brings to a close the first School year of the only school for deaf boys exclusively in the United States. If the closing of school would take place in the same spirit and with the same rush that has characterized the work of our boys during the year, we would expect the school doors to slam shut with a bang and the boys to disappear like the rush of untamed colts breaking out of a prairie corral. Maybe the use of the term "untamed colts" may not appear appropriate, but our boys have during the whole school year shown the spirit and strength of real "horsepower." I am also certain that our faculty will agree that while our boys have carried unaccustomed and difficult loads, in most cases this has been done successfully only by judicious breaking in, bridling and harnessing, so that the effort might be successful.

The year has been one of definite accomplishment and definite progress in all activities in which the boys have been engaged. The success of accomplishment belongs to the boys; recognizing always that this success has been possible under the competent direction of our faculty staff.

To those of our boys who are graduating, I ask that you all join me in wishing them Godspeed and in giving them every word of encouragement for future success.

The program of work outlined for the graduates has, we believe, been better correlated with employment opportunities than has ever before been possible. Half of the graduating class have already been adjusted into employment situations and we have every reason to expect that the others will soon follow. We know everyone will do his utmost to make good and to demonstrate the philosophy of training and education under which we are operating, namely, that a trained deaf young man has a saleable service to the community.

This coming summer we are making our first attempt to arrange for camp activities for those of our boys who must of necessity remain with us during the school year. The camp selected is that conducted by the Clark Settlement, operating near Copake, N. Y. Lieutenant Rudolph Gamblin will go with the group of boys (18 or so in number) to act as their counselor, and will be assisted by Norman Brown, a Gallaudet College student. The absence of these boys will make it possible for us to close down our School plant completely during the months of July and August and will enable us to proceed with our repairs with the least possible inconvenience.

As your Superintendent I wish all employees a restful and health-giving vacation. My wish is all the more sincere because of my appreciation of the excellent cooperation and unselfishness with which you have borne the responsibilities and duties of the past school year. I am only sorry that I cannot send everyone away to camp in the same way that I am able to send the boys away.

VICTOR O. SKYBERG,
Superintendent.

The Parasol Ant

Just imagine to yourself a little red-headed insect walking along the road with a tiny green parasol held over one shoulder to keep off the tropical sun!

That is what he looks as if he were doing, and that is why he is called the Parasol Ant. But in reality the *Ecodoma cephalotes*, as the entomologists call him, is the last creature in the world to be out for an idle stroll in the shade of an umbrella made out of a bit of green leaf. He is a member of one of the most sensible, orderly and busy communities to be found anywhere, and is himself a hardworking farmer, who is carrying home in his mouth the soil upon which he means to raise his crops.

In the woods of the West Indian island of Trinidad the nests of the parasol ant are very common—a mound of reddish earth thirty feet in circumference and three feet in height. Branching from it in half a dozen directions are small highways, three inches wide—hard, well beaten and well kept, and extending often for miles through the forest; for your parasol ant is an ancient Roman in the matter of roads, and spares no pains in their making and maintenance. When you see the size of his city and the length of his roads, and remember that he himself is less than half an inch in length, it is impossible not to wonder at his achievements.

Some frivolous people who observe only his industry, his hard common sense and his red head, are inclined to imagine that he must be of Scotch descent, despite his being found in the tropics, but they are not scientific thinkers and cannot prove this theory—plausible as it sounds. What he does would be quite incredible if there were not so many of him.

When a new colony leaves an overcrowded parent city and sets up for itself, it is very careful in its choice of a new home, because in the first place it wants a gentle slope on the hillside, so that the fierce showers of the rainy season shall drain away quickly and not leave the city damp; and, secondly, it must be near a pool or stream of some sort, so that water may not fail for farming purposes in dry weather. Then it must be at the foot of a tree, and, lastly, in the midst of such food as they need.

Once these requirements are all found combined in one spot, every ant sets to work with a will. Grass is cut, sticks and leaves cleared away, pebbles rolled aside, and digging begins. Round chambers are hollowed out, each about three inches wide and each having a little rootlet of the tree at whose foot the city lies, passing through it.

These chambers have good thick walls, so that they will not cave into each other in wet weather, and each one opens into the main street of the town, an arched passageway an inch high and three inches wide.

This passage inclines downhill, with an opening at the lower end, out of which all the refuse, dirt and sewage of the city is carried, and which drains off all moisture; for a parasol city is kept as spick and span as a new pin, its wise inhabitants having learned that dirt breeds a pestilence more dangerous than all their enemies. At the upper end of the passage is the entrance for workers who bring home the leaves.

As the clay is taken out by digging it is carried up and deposited on top of the city, and as the colony increases the mound grows bigger, more and more passages and chambers are dug, the roads extend farther and farther into the woods, and the city swarms with inhabitants beyond the calculation of the best arithmetician among them.

Labor is very evenly divided in these parasol cities. There are, to begin with, farmer-inspectors, who are occupied in finding the proper work for the farmers. When they

discover a nice young orange or cocoa-tree full of new leaves, or a fine, tender manioc, they hurry back to the city with the news, and under their leadership several thousand farmers set out, going as near as they can by the main highway, and when it is necessary to leave the beaten road dividing themselves into a gang to clear up a temporary path to the tree, which the other gang begins to climb at once.

The farmer-inspector leads them out to the farthest twigs where, with their sharp scissor-mouths, they begin to cut pieces out of the leaves and, tossing these over their shoulders, start back for the city. By this time a path is cleared; the roadmakers climb up and join in the work, and soon a steady stream of farmers is passing in and out of the city-gates, and the tree is quickly stripped of every tender bit of green.

Sometimes the inspectors find their way into a garden, and then the yam-vines are stripped, or the line of workers is a moving steak of bright color, each parasol being a slice out of a rose-leaf or from the petal of a scarlet hibiscus.

When the workers come in and deposit their spoil in the little chambers, others take it up, cut it into smaller bits, moisten and knead it, and pack it down close, so that in a few days a fungus grows over it, which looks like a delicate fur but which is evidently the most delightful sort of fruit and vegetables and grain, on which the inhabitants of the city feed luxuriously and grow fat.

Others workers are busy looking after the queen—a large, fat lady with four wings, who has a room all to herself and does nothing but lay eggs and be petted and waited upon.

Others again take charge of these eggs and see to their hatching, and when the helpless baby-ants appear they are placed on the little rootlet that was left to run through the chambers for that special purpose, and there are patiently tended and fed by the nurses. Much cleverer nurses they are, too, than any that human children ever have, because these wise ants know just the proper food a child should have to develop his character.

If it is to be a queen, then the baby-ants gets a great deal of the most dainty and delicious of the fruits growing on the white fungus, and if it is to be a hard-working farmer it is nourished on a very different diet from that given to the baby who is to grow up a fierce, brave soldier. For soldiers are as necessary in the city of ants as workers, enemies being numerous and destructive in those Trinidad woods.

The most terrible enemies the soldiers have to meet are those bold cannibals and barbarians, the hunter ants, with no homes and cities of their own. They live in holes in dead trees, and pounce out upon unwary people going by with parasols over their heads, tearing them in pieces and devouring them ravenously.

Occasionally all these savage ants collect under one chief and set out upon a great raid. The foremost of these marching barbarians beat up the country; climbing the smaller trees, groping in every hole and under every leaf, leaving nothing unvisited.

Not only small insects and animals fly in terror before them, but creatures a hundred times larger than themselves give way, for they kill every living thing in their line of march and devour it—young birds in the nests, young field-mice, frogs, toads, lizards, snakes, scorpions, cockroaches, crickets, spiders, locusts, nothing is left behind them alive.

The one spot they cannot penetrate is the city of the parasol ant. At the first sound of their approach the farmers come racing home to give warning and get under cover. The soldiers post themselves at

every entrance, and when the horde of wild savages pour upon the city it is met at each gate by the resolute fighters, who seize them in their big scissor-mouths and, though stung in their very vitals by the hunter's sword-shaped, poisoned sting, hold on like bulldogs, slicing away at their throats and fairly cutting their heads from their bodies.

Thousands go down before the onslaught, but thousands more pour out of the gates and, though the sting of the hunters is so deadly that the parasol soldiers die in the very act of beheading the enemy, yet no parasol city has ever been captured by hunters, who have always in the end to yield to the courageous defenders, and go on.

When the tide of barbarians has swept over and beyond the city and out of sight, the soldiers lie down to lick their wounds and the police ants, who have charge of the cleanliness of the city, come out and gather up the dead, to be carried away to the cemetery. For there is always a small space cleared away near a parasol city for depositing the dead. It is also the scene of executions, where strangers who have wandered into the nest are put to death, as well as those members of the community who have been misbehaving themselves.

There is one enemy, whom even the brave soldiers cannot conquer—the big ant-eating sloth, who stands by the highways leading to the city and with his sticky tongue gathers up hundreds of the poor farmers on the road home.

Occasionally, too, when they have been too active in clearing the leaves from the cocoa or the rose-bushes the human farmer becomes exasperated and pours boiling water into the city, or digs it up with a spade.

When he thus digs he always finds in some unused passage of the city, or some neglected chamber, a little harmless snake. Whether the parasol ants keep the snake as a pet, or whether they worship him as a god nobody knows, but evidently they are fond of him, as no large, prosperous parasol city is without its unexplained little serpent-guest.

Convention Dates Ahead

(Compiled by F. E. P.)

Connecticut Alumni Association of the Deaf at West Hartford, June 12-14.

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Gallaudet College Alumni Association at Washington, D. C., June 16-20.

South Carolina Association of the Deaf at Cedar Springs, June 18-21.

Alabama Association of the Deaf at Mobile, July 2-4.

Florida Association of the Deaf at Tampa, July 2-4.

LeCouteux St. Mary's Alumni Association at Buffalo, N. Y., June 28th to July 4th.

Red River Valley Association of the Deaf at Oak Grove Park, Fargo, N. D., July 12.

Tenth Annual Convention of the Deaf of the Ozarks at Monett, Mo., August 16.

South Dakota Association of the Deaf at Sioux Falls, August 27th to 30th.

North Carolina Association of the Deaf at Carolina Beach, near Wilmington, August 19-22.

Kansas Association of the Deaf at Olathe, August 29-31.

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NEW YORK CITY

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H. A. D.

On Sunday afternoon, May 31st, the closing and confirmation exercises by the Jewish pupils of both the New York School for the Deaf and Lexington School for the Deaf was sponsored by the Hebrew Association of the Deaf.

The graduates were Oscar Norflus, Sidney Mufson, Gertrude Levine, Hyman Kalish, Ruth Carneol and Rose Sobel.

Addresses were made by Simon E. Osserman, Chairman, Advisory Board, H. A. D.; Supt. Victor O. Skyberg of the New York School, Supt. Clarence D. O'Connor of the Lexington School, and by Emil Mulfeld, President of the H. A. D.

Rabbi Samuel Siegel confirmed the graduates, and presentation of prizes and diplomas followed. "America" was signed by Fannie Forman. The exercises closed with the Benediction by Rabbi Skof.

On Memorial Day a car left Brooklyn, for a trip early in the morning. The following were in the car: Robert Lavinsky, of Stamford, Conn.; Ben Finkin, of Richmond Hill; Jules Berest, of the Bronx; Aaron Kessler, of famed Brighton Beach, with Isadore Greenwald, Brooklyn, doing the driving. "Little Benny" also went along, dancing on the rear window, making faces at other drivers. They traveled out to Montauk Point, visiting various places on the Island, as it was the 300th anniversary of Long Island. The tourists were greatly interested in the different landscapes of Long Island. Montauk Point was, in itself, worth the trip, with its beautiful views. They built a camp fire at Hither Hills, on the beach and swapped stories. Then they camped overnight on the sand under a clear sky and managed to get some sleep. The next day they returned home by another route. The boys learned many new things about Long Island.

Fred Parker is enjoying a few weeks' vacation in Florida at present, especially at St. Petersburg, where his wife and baby are sojourning.

Hot-Ham Heroism

A Polish officer, now dead, who came to the United States soon after the Russians suppressed the Polish insurrection under General Chlopicki, in 1831, used to tell with much zest the story of his promotion from the ranks. He was a private of cavalry when Chlopicki's retreat began. The troops had made a weary night march, and were in bivouac for breakfast, when scouts brought word that they were almost surrounded by a Russian force. Instantly the Poles hurried to their saddles, mounted, and sought a way of escape.

The young cavalryman had been boiling some pieces of ham for himself in a camp-kettle. Anxious to "save his bacon," he dumped the half-boiled meat into his saddle-bags, and joined his companions. Two minutes later his horse became restive, at a most inopportune moment, for on surmounting a ridge the Poles had found themselves confronted by a Russian force of infantry.

There was but one thing to be done. The Russian line must be broken through at once. It was being rapidly reinforced. If the Poles should fail to cut their way out at the first charge they must all be captured.

On they rushed at the order to charge, and now our young trooper's horse had become fairly frantic and quite uncontrollable. He sprang away far in advance of the charging line. The rider, determining to make the best fight he could, swung his sabre, took a stronger grip with his knee, and gazed hard to the face of the Russian he expected to be launched against.

Just then a volley hurtled into the charging line, but the foremost horse and rider escaped unharmed. A few moments and they were upon the enemy. Usually a horse refuses to leap at bayonets, but this one jumped furiously at the kneeling front rank, and such was the momentum and fury of the beast that the Russians just in his front lost nerve, broke, and gave him entrance.

Through the gap thus made other Poles sprang a moment later. Striking right and left, they widened the breach, and in ten seconds the Russian infantry was demoralized. The Poles escaped with slight loss, and it was not long before the young leader quieted his steed, dismounted and found a chance to examine his half-cooled ham.

A few hours later the Polish general of cavalry rode up to the captain of the troop that had so distinguished itself, complimented him, and said "By the way, captain, who was that splendid young officer that led you, all in?"

"He wasn't an officer; that was only one of my boys."

"Not an officer! May the bullets strike me if I don't make him one! Call him out here at once."

The general shook hands with the youth, promoted him to a lieutenantancy then and there, and gave him a place on his staff.

Some days later, when the captain called at headquarters, he sought out the new lieutenant, whom he found dolefully contemplating his unsaddled horse, which had a huge, raw sore on each side.

"What on earth is the matter with your horse?" asked the captain.

"Oh, nothing much!"

But what made those terrible sores?"

"The same thing that made me a lieutenant," said the hero. "A big chunk of hot ham in each saddle-bag; but, for the love of the saints, don't tell the general, or the boys."

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